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**IMPLEMENTATION OF HOURLY RATE AND CASE MAXIMUM
INCREASES FOR CJA PANEL ATTORNEYS**

The hourly rate for the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel attorney has been increased from \$152 to \$155 for work performed on non-capital cases and \$197 for capital work on or after January 1, 2021. Where the appointment of counsel occurred before January 1, 2021, the new compensation rates will apply to the portion of services provided on or after January 1, 2021.

Due to the increase in the non-capital hourly rate, the waivable case compensation maximum amounts for non-capital representations, excluding expenses, have increased to \$12,100, \$8,600, and \$2,600 (the \$3,400 case compensation maximum does not change) in the following types of matters: felonies, proceedings under 18 U.S.C. § 983, post-conviction proceedings under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2241, 2254, or 2255, proceedings under 28 U.S.C. § 1875, proceedings under 18 U.S.C. § 4106A and other representation required or authorized by the CJA (including, but not limited to probation, supervised release hearing, material witness, grand jury witness) and appeals of other representation. Additionally, the other case maximum amount of \$3,400 for misdemeanors and proceedings under 18 U.S.C. § 4107 or § 4108, remains the same.

The new case compensation maximums apply to vouchers submitted by appointed counsel for any CJA-compensable work completed on or after January 1, 2021. The former case compensation maximums apply to vouchers submitted for CJA-compensable work completed before January 1, 2021.

The new waivable case compensation maximum amount with prior authorization is \$2,700 for investigative, expert, or other services. The \$2,700 maximum, which excludes expenses, applies to each individual service provider in a non-capital representation. The case compensation maximum amount without prior authorization remains at \$900.

Should you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Shervin T. Clarke, Financial Supervisor, at (340) 774-0640.

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